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October 24, 2007

Ms. Mary Gade
Regional Administrator
U.S. EPA, Region V
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Re: Public Comment on the proposed inclusion of the Lusher Street Ground Water Contamination site, Elkhart, Indiana, on the National Priorities List.

Docket ID: EPA-HQ-SFUND-2007-0685

Ms. Gade:

As the Representative for the people of Indiana's Second Congressional District, I believe that our national priorities must reflect our commitment to maintaining a healthy environment and strong communities. After nearly 20 years of investigations into the contamination of private residential and business drinking water wells in Elkhart, Indiana, it is time that this issue is addressed with the seriousness it deserves. For this reason, I write in strong support of the inclusion of the Lusher Street Ground Water Contamination Site on the Superfund National Priorities List.

As determined by the EPA in September of 2007, the Lusher Street Ground Water Contamination site consists of a ground water plume contaminated with 1,1,1-trichloroethane, trichloroethylene, 1,1-dichloroethylene, and other chlorinated solvents. As a result, thirty-four drinking water wells in the area have been contaminated, ten of which were found to exceed EPA's maximum contaminant level for trichloroethylene and dichloroethylene. The fact that the source of the contamination has yet to be identified along with evidence that suggests that the plume may be moving north toward the St. Joseph River demonstrates that this site continues to pose a very real threat to both public health and the environment.

In order to ensure a proper investigation into the source and scope of the ground water contamination and to develop a comprehensive plan to remediate the damage to both the environment and the community, I respectfully request that you grant every consideration consistent with U.S. law and EPA policy to the Lusher Street site's addition to the Superfund National Priority List.

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I commend the EPA's work on this matter, and **on** its decision to consider the Lusher Street site for the National Priority List. Please do not **hesitate** to contact me or my office with any further questions regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Donnelly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joe" being more prominent and the last name "Donnelly" following in a similar style.

Joe Donnelly
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E7-18154]; [Page 53509-53516]; Superfund program: National oil and
hazardous substances contingency plan priorities list

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like submit the following comment in support of inclusion of the
Lusher Street Ground Water Contamination Site on the EPA's Superfund
National Priorities List. Please contact me with any questions or
concerns.

Thank you,

Andrew Lattanner

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